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## University drug involvement— bringing forth these issues

One of the first questions to come to mind when confronting the overall drug picture at Northwest is "What is available to the student who needs help with a drug problem?"

For the most part, drug education takes place throughout campus primarily in required Health classes and other related courses, which also touch on drug subjects. There is also a poster campaign in the physical education area being put on by David Colt, Northwest trainer, and some air time is devoted on campus radio and television stations to topics such as cocaine abuse and where to get help.

In addition, the Health Center supplies some advice and informational services such as pamphlets on drugs as well as other related topics.

There are also University rules and regulations that more or less cover violation situations of existing civil codes. For instance, if a substance is found in a dorm room, Campus Safety in conjunction with the Maryville Department of Safety will be the first to react. Following this, each case will be presented to the Student-Faculty Disciplinary Committee.

At this stage, all of the rules presently in place will take effect, meaning for example, that the student could be expelled from school.

Dr. Gus Rischer of the psychology department recommends the student to start a search for information at those places which have the facilities to cope with drug situations which may arise. In this case, it would be best to contact the Counseling Center, where someone such as David Sundberg could evaluate the involved persons and make further referrals if necessary.

Most campus administrators, as well as students, believe that the largest problem here at Northwest is the one dealing with alcohol.

Probably the thing that causes the biggest problem for the most

people is the overconsumption of alcohol," Rischer said. "It is the thing that is the most noticed. It will get you in the most trouble the quickest. It's available—culturally accepted."

One typical Northwest student also has similar views on the

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**Mendy Bose**  
Student

present drug situation.

"I think you can find drugs if you want to," Mendy Bose said. "But I don't think a dealer would ever push them on you. Our largest problem is with alcohol rather than drugs."

Northwest has also held a reputation of being stamped a "party" school.

"I don't think its a great deal different than the other institutions in the number of parties," Rischer said.

He thought much of this reputation had to do with the fact that Northwest is also to a large degree a suitcase college, where people go home on weekends in large numbers. He also believes Northwest is not really any different from any other sister universities in the degree of drug problems.

**"I don't see that we have an exceptional problem with drugs,"** Rischer added. "I think that anything you want is here, if you've got the money to pay for it. If you have the desire to use it, you can find it. It's here."

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## STROLLER

### Our Stroller rants at Northwest peeves

Squirrels...you've all seen them. Why are they so happy? Maybe they don't know midterms are just around the corner, or maybe they don't care. Evidently those cocky little varmints don't realize that squirrel season has started. The other day I became so furious when I was pelted by an acorn, the thought of purchasing a handgun didn't seem like a bad idea at all. Now all the animal lovers will be all over my case. Maryville probably even has a city ordinance that prohibits people from harrasing squirrels. Now we can't spit on, cuss at or haze squirrels. Great...maybe we could import Bill Murray and his militaristic views on varmints. That'll teach 'em.

On a more serious note, I cannot believe Northwest's policies on work study. I was just told that because of my student loan, and my family's contribution to my education, I cannot work for this university in any way, shape or form. That's funny, if I had enough money that I could afford to do this "college thing" on my own, they would be more than happy to offer me a job.

Do we have a department in this institution that specializes in the destruction of student morale? If we don't then maybe we should. The trouble is, we would have too many qualified people.

In all fairness to Northwest, they did give me the option to forfeit my student loan and work for minimum wage. I'm sorry but \$3.35 an hour just doesn't pay the rent. I give up. Not only do I have to pay rent tuition, utilities and everything else that goes along with being independent, I have to give up my student loan and work for minimum wage. Maybe I'll quit school and join the Foreign Legion...

Since I'm on a roll maybe I should rail on somebody else. Hey, let's talk about the outlandish prices in our "beloved" Bearcat Bookstore. Come on now, \$3.49 for a Bearcat keyring? You could lose your key three times, have a duplicate made and still have 49 more cents than if you had bought a keyring in the first place. Sure, I want to support the Bearcats as much as the next guy, but I can't imagine why things have to be soooo expensive.

Then there are the "big" items like sweatshirts, shorts, jackets, the list goes on and on...\$40 for a sweatshirt? I guess I didn't need to buy groceries this month. At least I will look good!

I want to be proud of my school. What am I talking about? I am proud of my school. I want to show support by wearing the school's colors. Of course to support the Bearcats you must first support the Bearcat Bookstore, and that costs money. I guess I'm just asking for too much. To think that someone in this world could actually be in it for the principle. If I need some school supplies I will probably go downtown and get them. That's the only way I can keep my checkbook in the black.

I had better quit writing before my pen gets me thrown in jail. Until next week, may the good news be yours.

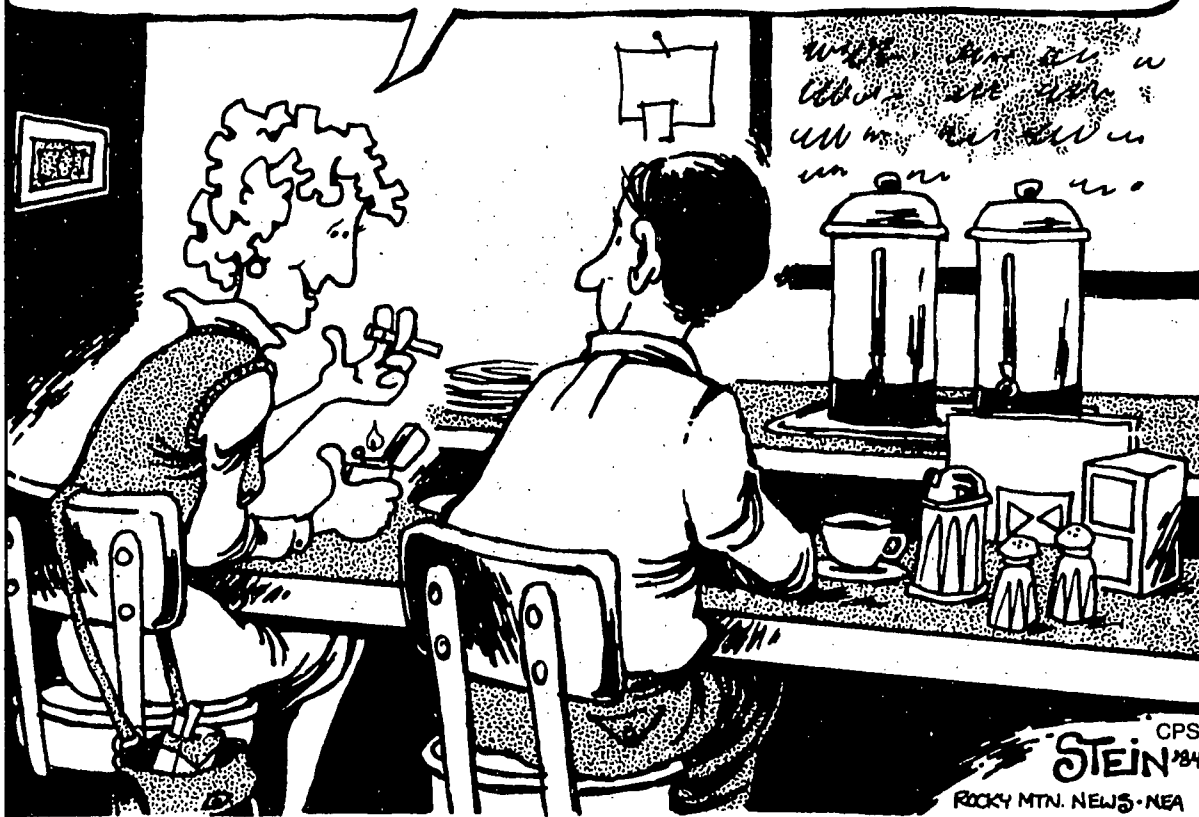
STROLLER'S NOTE: I would like to thank Molly for taking over Stroller while I was "getting my feet back on the ground." I'm back now though, so everything will be back to normal.

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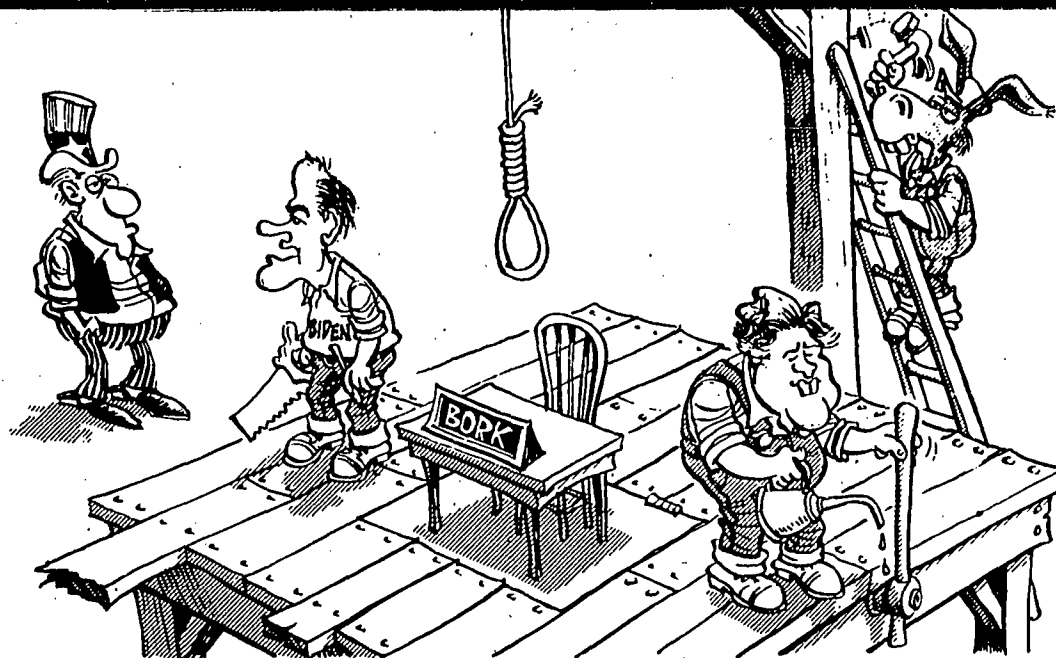
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## Increased cost in tuition remains a controversial issue

It was recently announced that the Northwest Board of Regents has approved a plan to increase student fees for the 1988-89 academic year. According to this plan, Missouri undergraduates will go from paying \$36 per credit hour to \$40 per credit hour, and non-resident undergraduate tuition will increase from \$66 to \$73 per credit hour. For yet another year the cost of higher education will be increased.

It is now understood what is meant by "higher education."

Tuition costs have gone up every year for the past three years, at least.

For this year's tuition hike, again several factors have influenced the decision.

First of all, students must pay for 28 percent of the costs of education in the form of tuition. Increases in the cost of education cause increases in the cost of tuition. This regulation was mandated by the Missouri Coordinating Board of Higher Education. There's one question that must be asked: why was the cost of education raised? As students we have the right to know why the cost of what we are paying for has been increased.

The second factor concerning the increase in tuition is that the CBHE has urged Northwest to raise the 'unrestricted portion' of tuition in order to match the average of other universities. What exactly does this mean in terms the average college student can understand?

One consistent factor in the increase in everything is the Consumer Price Index. This year the index will go up approximately four percent. This inflation naturally causes the inflation of other things, such as college tuition. Inflation, after all, plays a prominent part in the increase of living costs.

Another contributing factor in the tuition hike is next year's lengthened calendar. For instance, if the calendar were lengthened five more days, that would be five more days the students would have to eat. But who wants a longer calendar?

The longer calendar has more of an effect on tuition than most people realize. A large percentage of students count on their breaks to work and earn money to pay for college. By cutting their break time, the university is also cutting their work time, thus reducing the amount of money the student can earn.

If costs continue to rise it is predicted that enrollment will begin to go down. Students look to Northwest as a good school they can afford. What will happen if students can no longer afford it?

## Campus 'rapes' questioned

A new fad has hit Northwest, and it seems to be growing in popularity all the time. One person tells another person who tells another person, and eventually the whole thing gets blown out of proportion and rumors start flying.

The new fad is exaggerated rape and more and more people are beginning to take part in this rumor-hungry dilemma.

Last week the number of rapes at Northwest had climbed to three. The number of actual rapes remains at zero. Wilbur Adams, Director of Campus Services, stated that the three incidents were not rapes, as had been rumored, but were harassments.

Rape seems to be the in thing at Northwest, and it's a pretty scary idea. Rape is a serious offense, and with all the rumors flying around it has got a lot of people pretty frightened. People are now afraid to walk alone at night, they're afraid to be alone in their rooms with the door unlocked and they are afraid to walk from their car to their dorm at night.

These worries are legitimate; rape can happen anywhere,

even at Northwest. But why spread rumors that aren't true? Why cause unnecessary alarm?

Some of the stories circulating Northwest are frightening enough, but when you think that they may be true, the scare is intensified even more. One story says that a girl was unlocking the front door of Millikan while a man hid in the bushes, waiting. As soon as she got the door opened he jumped at her, dragged her inside and raped her.

Parts of that story, or the whole story, may sound familiar. You may have heard the same story but with different details or consequences. Whatever the case may be, these rumors must be stopped before the consequences become worse than just a few eerie chills going down your back while walking alone. Rape is a serious crime and should not be taken lightly. If a rape should really happen it should be reported immediately, and if a rape hasn't happened, rumors should not be spread.

### In Your O P I N I O N

"How easy do you think it is to find drugs at Northwest?"



"I didn't think there was anything around."

—Susan Thomas  
Accounting



"I really wouldn't know how easy it is to get drugs on campus."

—Charles Balentine  
Accounting



"Personally I think it probably would be very easy because they're everywhere. I don't think there's a problem trying to get drugs anywhere."

—April Renfro  
Broadcasting

# Northwest Homecoming preview

## Organizations launch "TV Guide" campaigns

BY NICK WILLIAMS  
News Writer

Alf, the castaways of Gilligan's Island, Vanna White, the crew of the Starship Enterprise, and other television favorites will be spoofed as Northwest's annual Homecoming celebration is held Oct. 8-10.

"TV Guide" is this year's theme for the parade, Variety Show, and halftime entertainment. Saturday morning, Oct. 10 the Alumni House will serve coffee and doughnuts as students, alumni and Northwest residents await the Homecoming parade.

The parade is scheduled to begin in front of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building and will end downtown. The parade will start at 9:30 a.m.

David Gieseke, chairman of Homecoming, anticipates a larger parade than those of previous years.

"I think participation level is higher this year. We have a few more floats than we did last year," he said.

One reason for the added participation may be the new program involving corporate sponsors.

"We have solicited Maryville businesses and organizations for funds to help the students with prize money," Gieseke said.

Some floats cost as much as a thousand dollars to build and the prize money does not always cover the costs of a prize-winning float. The use of sponsors will allow more money for prizes.

But the parade is only part of the celebration. Other activities have been scheduled for Homecoming weekend. The Variety Show kicks off the Homecoming events at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8 in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The program will also be presented at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

At the conclusion of Thursday night's performance the 1987 Homecoming Queen will be crowned. Tickets for the Variety Show will go on sale in the Cashiering Office in the Administration Building beginning Monday. Tickets are \$1.50 for each person.

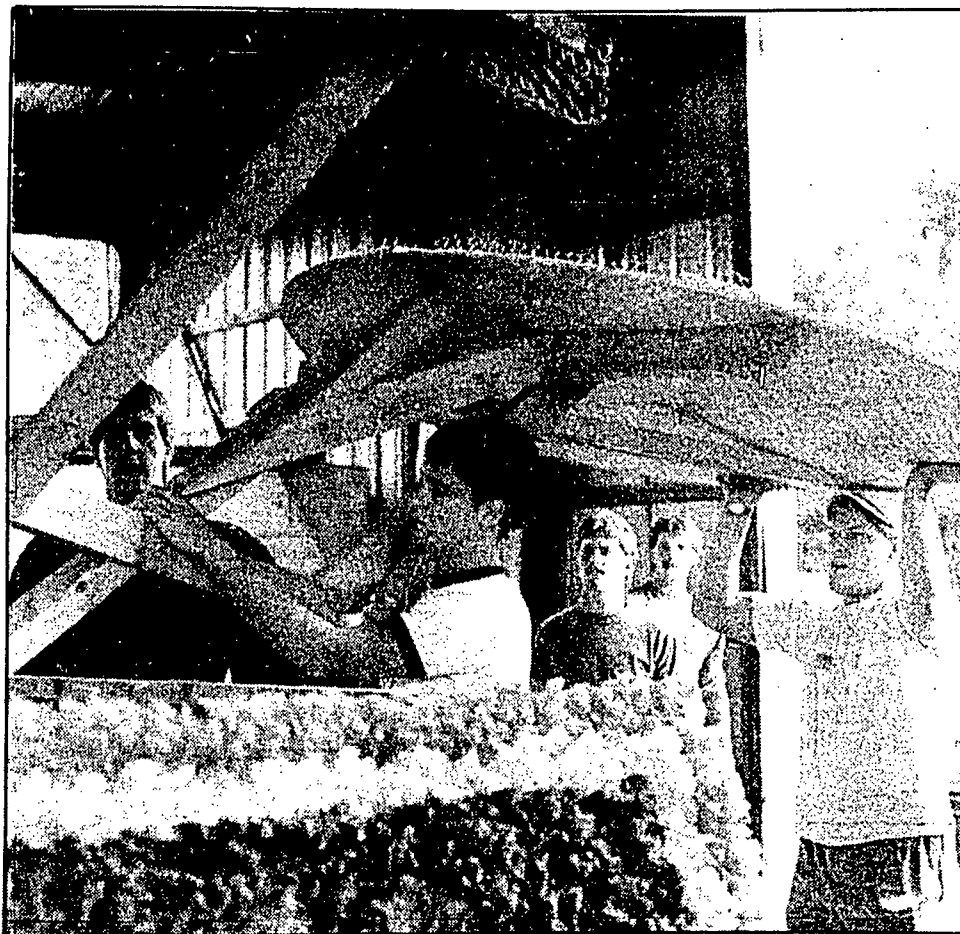
Several traditional Alumni events will be held Friday. The class of 1937 will be honored at the Golden Anniversary Luncheon.

"We give them a tour of the campus and the town," Gieseke said. This gives the alumni an opportunity to see the changes which have occurred both on campus and in Maryville. The luncheon is scheduled to be held at noon in the University Club located in the Student Union. Tickets for the event are \$7.

Friday evening the J.W. Jones Union Ballroom will be host to the Alumni Honors/M-Club Hall of Fame Banquet. Ryland Milner, former Bearcat athlete and coach, will be honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

"He was one of the greatest coaches we've ever had here at Northwest, if not the greatest," Gieseke said.

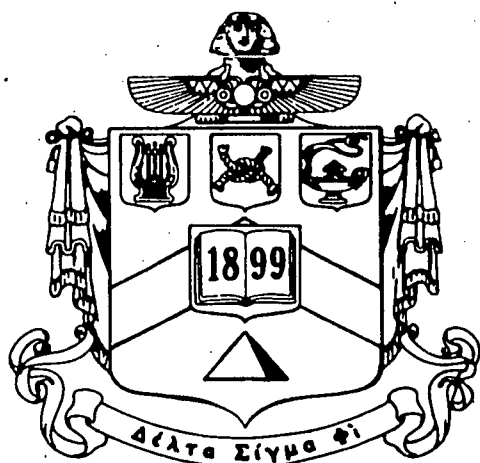
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The men of Delta Chi add touches to their "space craft" float. -Photo by Chris Townsend

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# New parking lot being negotiated

BY NICK WILLIAMS  
News Writer

Northwest is negotiating to open a new parking lot behind Perrin, Roberta, and Hudson Halls. The land currently belongs to the Norfolk Southern Corporation and was once the old railroad site.

For over nine months the University has been corresponding with the corporation in an attempt to obtain the land. The corporation, however, is in no hurry to complete negotiations.

"We've been trying all summer to try to have it by the time school started," Dr. Phil Hayes, dean of students, said.

Assuming the University and Norfolk Southern do reach an agreement, there will be problems with tearing out the railroad.

"Norfolk Southern has subcontracted the tearing out of the railroad track, the ties, and the cinder base to a company out of Dallas, Texas," he said.

The company began salvaging the track in Chillicothe and is moving this

way. Six weeks ago, the company said it would take two or three months before they would reach the Maryville area.

"They would need to remove the track and the ties in order for us to go in and clean off all of the weeds and small trees," Hayes said.

After clearing the land the University would lay a gravel base for the new lot. The lot would be 100 feet wide and 625 feet long, providing enough space for 180 cars to park on the east side of campus. When the new lot is built it would be designated as a red lot. All students who wanted a sticker have been able to get one but not all of the spaces are located where students would like for them to be.

"A female student coming back in late at night from the east side may have to park somewhere over on the west side and walk across," Hayes said.

The University is also trying to purchase the land located from Ninth Street south and from east of the railroad bridge west.

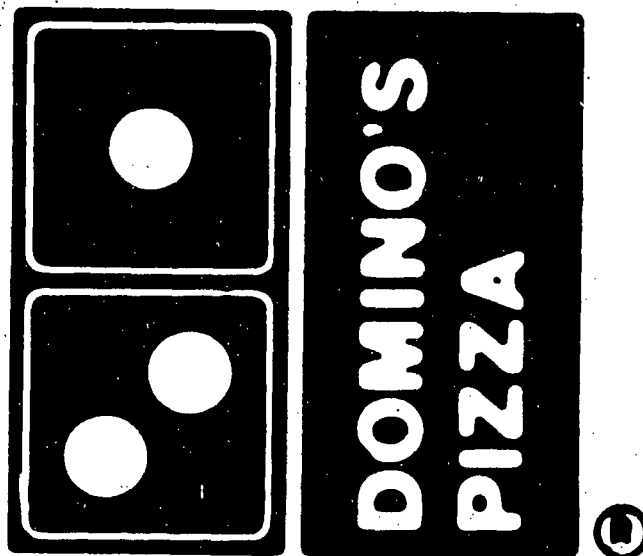


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## HOMECOMING PREVIEW

New members to be inducted into the M-Club Hall of Fame will be honored and the winner of the Turret Award will be announced at the banquet. A late-night reception will take place in the basement of the Alumni House following the banquet. Tickets for the banquet will be \$8 per person.

Following Saturday's Homecoming parade Milner will be further honored as all of Northwest's athletic facilities are renamed the Ryland Milner Athletic Complex. The ceremonies are scheduled to begin in front of Martindale Gym at 11:15 a.m.

Saturday afternoon at 1:30 Coach Vern Thomsen's Bearcats will take on Northeast Missouri State University to see who will win the Old Hickory Stick. Halftime entertainment will include the M-Club Hall of Fame induction, the Bearcat Marching Band, and the presen-

tation of the 1987 Homecoming Queen.

The Don Black Memorial Trophy honoring the outstanding Northwest player of the game will be presented after the game. Game tickets are \$5 for reserved seating and \$3 for general admission.

At 5 p.m. a reception honoring Missouri Representative Everett W. Brown will be held in the remodeled Brown Education Hall.

Currently plans for all Homecoming events have not been completed. Other activities may be scheduled in the days ahead. The Homecoming committee is working on a button illustrating this year's "TV Guide" theme. The buttons will be sold to students.

This year's student co-chairs of homecoming are Karen Hoppers and Jeff Ranum. Both have been involved with Homecoming for the past two years.



Amy Erickson of Delta Zeta spends some of her free time working on her group's Homecoming float. -Photo by Chris Townsend

# Cheating widespread throughout colleges

## COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Sen. Joseph Biden (D-Del) may have been embarrassed by revelations that, as a student in 1965, he cheated on a law school paper, but cheating remains widespread on American campuses today, various sources say.

Thirty to 50 percent of all college students say they've cheated during their academic careers, researcher William Raffetto found in a Carnegie Commission report in 1985.

Duke, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Georgia universities, among others, reported increases in the number of accusations, though not necessarily offenses, from the 1985-86 to the 1986-87 school years.

At Duke, accusations of cheating increase when individual professors take steps to curb academic dishonesty, said Dean of Student Life Sue Wasiolek. Twenty-three students were charged with cheating during the 1986-87 academic year, she said; 14 were charged the previous year and 12 were accused of cheating during 1984-85.

The increase is not due to a campus wide, organized crackdown, Wasiolek said, but because individual faculty members have become more aware of the problem.

On Sept. 17, Biden—a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination—admitted that he'd turned in a paper as a first-year law student at Syracuse University in 1965 that included 5 pages lifted directly from a published law review article.

Biden also misrepresented his academic record during a recent campaign appearance, according to Newsweek. Biden reportedly said he graduated in the top half of his law school class, but actually finished 76th in a class of 85. Biden reportedly also said he attended law school on a full scholarship, but actually received a partial scholarship based on financial need, the magazine said.

When caught in 1965, Biden convinced the law school to let him take the course again.

"I did something very stupid 23 years ago," Biden said in a Washington, D.C., press conference last week.

But Biden might not have been allowed to retake the course if he was a student today.

Wasiolek said an ethics review board may show mercy to an undergraduate

for Biden's offense, but, for law school students, "ignorance is not an acceptable defense. Law students are expected to know how to footnote a research paper."

Schools, in fact, are more vigilant in watching students these days.

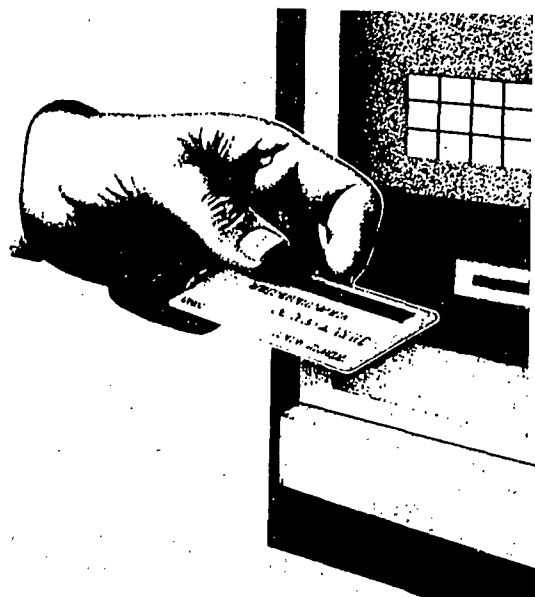
Indeed, on Aug. 31 the University of Texas's Measurement and Evaluation Center boasted that its new practice of photographing students had helped decreased cheating on placement exams.

Texas also okayed, without endorsing, a teaching assistant's practice of searching students' backpacks as they enter his class to take tests.

Yale suspended 8 students Sept. 4 for the fall semester for allegedly cheating on a take-home physics exam last spring.

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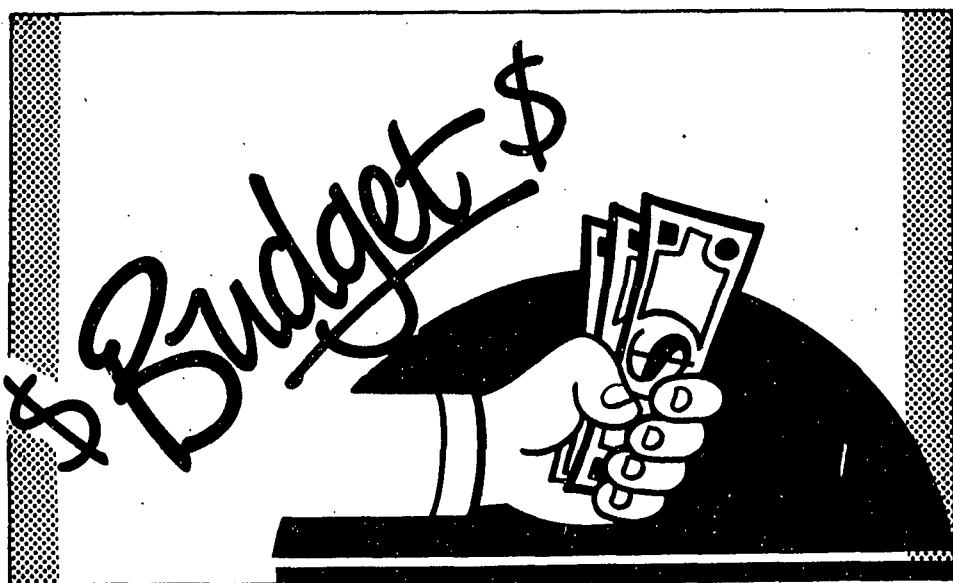
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# New student loan rules cause problems



## COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

As the summer rolled on, Terilynn Sanford began to panic. When the University of Texas junior didn't receive a letter confirming her Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL), as she had the previous 2 years, she called the financial aid office. This year, they told her, she didn't qualify.

"I can't go to school without a student loan," she said.

After some frustrating maneuvering, Sanford finally was approved for a GSL, and will continue her education this year.

Sanford is not the only student finding that getting a loan this year is much harder than last fall, observers around the country reported last week.

As many as 20 percent of the students nationwide who got GSLs in 1986 won't be able to get them for this school year, Dr. A. Dallas Martin, Jr. of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators reported.

The reasons can be found in the new federal Higher Education Act of 1986, most of which is just going into effect this fall.

Those students, said Martin, must take out more expensive loans, such as parental loans, personal bank loans, or Supplemental Student Loans that come with higher interest rates and begin accruing interest soon after they're issued, compounding the rising cost of college education.

"This is going to be a tough year for a lot of students," said University of Nebraska at Omaha financial aid director Phil Shreves.

Thirty-five percent of the UNO students who received GSLs last year, he estimated, won't receive GSLs this year. Of the remaining students, Shreves said, "only a few will have total eligibility."

To determine if a student could get a GSL in the past, financial aid counselors

figured in the student's and parent's income, the number of dependents in the student's family, and the number of children in that family that were in college.

Now the new Higher Education Act requires the counselor to include other money—like home values and investments—in deciding if the student needs a GSL.

As a result of adding in the "other sources of income" to a family's wealth many families look like they earn too much to qualify for the low-cost loans.

"We've had more denials as GSL eligibility has gotten tighter," said Don Davis of Texas' financial aid office.

The Higher Education Act of 1986 also raised the maximum annual GSL from \$2,500 to \$4,000.

Particularly hurt by the new requirements, said Dan Davenport of the University of Idaho financial aid office, are graduate students and older students.

Income from teaching or research assistant jobs is now added to a student's assets when determining GSL eligibility, Davenport said, reducing or eliminating loans graduate students receive in the past.

"Nontraditional" students also must declare their spouse's income, also cutting or eliminating loans, he added.

Despite the tighter GSL eligibility requirements, Martin said the financial aid picture "looks pretty favorable," since students still have access to other, though more expensive loans.

"We thought we'd see a decrease in total available funds," Davis said. "But there's just as much money, and there are just as many students applying for aid. We've processed as many, or more, applications as we did last year."

"There's been no increase in true student aid," said Martin. "This has not been a growth industry. There are actually fewer dollars to go around."

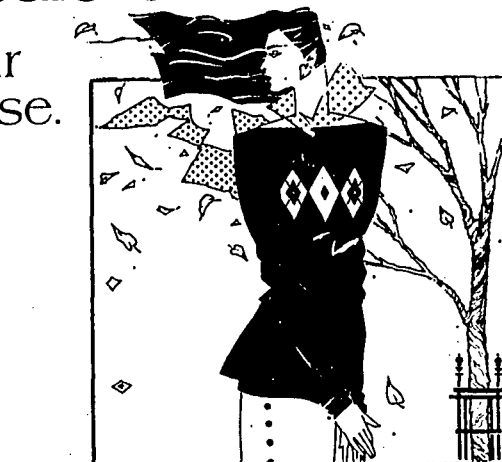
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# An interview with a recovering

# DRUG ADDICT

The name of the following recovering drug addict has been changed in order to maintain her anonymity.

Kathy could easily be described as a typical drug addict.

Most people could not comprehend, or would react in horror on hearing just how devastating and all-consuming a drug addict's life can be. A drug addict is a person trapped in an existence somewhere between reality and the world the drug can pull the user into. Kathy is a recovering addict and currently no longer uses drugs.

Her story began when she was in the eighth grade. "I started experimenting with marijuana and alcohol...in eighth grade," she said. "It wasn't a daily thing. It was a weekend thing."

Later on, in high school, she started drinking to get attention. "I purposely let certain people smell my breath so I would get the recognition that I was drinking...I was so starved for attention because I thought I was a loser."

As Kathy progressed through high school, she began to become somewhat dependent on over-the-counter drugs to help deal with personal problems and so she would be able to fall asleep.

The alcohol use in particular worsened during high

school. Kathy then went off to college but was forced to drop out soon after because she was failing almost every class.

Her addiction then began to more intensely consume her life. It forced her into situations of desperation. "I tried to get a job, but I just couldn't get up in the morning...I would say 'Mom, I need money,' and she was mad, but she would give me money...I had a telephone job, but I kept it [only] two nights because it was interfering with my drug life," she said.

Then her money ran out. "You just don't overwrite your checking account every other day," she said. "My checking account, of course, was closed. I don't have a checking account now, but I'm going to start one up...that may not be a big deal, but it is to me, because that means I'm getting well enough [to deal with everyday problems]."

"They say your addiction progresses," Kathy said, looking back on a period of time where she would go through drug use up to a point, then go clean for a while. "Well, when I relapsed, I was only going to drink this glass of gin and that was it. I went from gin, to pills, to pot, to cocaine—all in the same night," she said. "You watch TV and do drugs."

Kathy explained there is no

stereotype for a person on drugs that can be applied to anyone. "Drug addicts come in all forms, shapes, sizes, different backgrounds—everybody from poverty, to rich and everything in between," she said.

**"It's like ice running through your veins. I can't explain it."**

**Kathy  
Recovering Addict**

"There's no stereotype...even people who look like they're on drugs, aren't sometimes."

She added other factors people could look for in order to detect a drug addict. "Look at their lives," she said. "Do they go from A's to F's, dramatic changes in personality, track marks on their arms...Addicts are everywhere, every small town, every big city—everywhere."

The reasons most addicts turn to drugs range from low self-esteem, to pressure, to rebellion and to covering up something, Kathy said. "It's a disease of addiction," she said. "I have to learn how to deal

with problems that everybody else deals with. I'm like a baby, I have to learn everything over again, how to deal with things, how to react to things...being a responsible member of society, getting a job."

Even though Kathy is a recovering drug addict, she believes the next time she turns to drugs could be her last. "I said I'd never shoot up drugs in my life. I got turned on to crystal, and I loved it," she said. "If I go back to using now, I know I'll start shooting up, and it will probably be the end of me."

"And I'm scared to death to go back on—petrified...the ultimate end for an addict is jail, institutions, or death...I've been pretty close to dying, several times."

"It's like ice running through your veins," she said when asked to describe experiencing a high. "I can't explain it. Everything is flawless. You think you are flawless."

For Kathy, it will be a long and difficult uphill battle to overcome her addiction to drugs.

"I go day by day," she said. "I don't say 'I'm not going to use it next week' cause I don't know...I have to consciously not use drugs every single day...until I die. I know people that have been clean for five or six years, and then relapse."

Kathy suggests that people who think they may have a problem with drugs should talk to a counselor.

"They [the users] have to decide for themselves if they are an addict...there are support groups you can go to in the

community if you want help. Talk to a school counselor. Talk to your family," she said.

"I'd like to say I'm a lot happier," she said. "I am at times. But sometimes it's hard because I have to face reality—and that hurts."

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## OPINION

### Is Northwest's involvement with student drug abuse really going far enough?

It is my opinion that there isn't enough being done at this University towards the entire scope of drug use. After speaking with several individuals on the subject, I have discovered an extremely one-sided view on the handling of these situations.

I was told more than once about the set of rules and regulations the University has put together to "prevent" drug use and abuse. But one has to take into consideration why people turn to drugs in the first place. This can range from personal problems, pressure to be accepted by peers, academic pressures and rebellion. If, for example, a student was to begin using drugs for purposes of rebellion, he might be doing it for the "thrill" of doing something forbidden and illegal.

But I do have to say that these rules and regulations are necessary and should be made known to the student body. I believe, though, the University needs to look at correcting the problem by attacking it at the core rather than just putting up warning signs and hoping the problems will fade away—because they won't.

And yes, there are other alternatives and tactics out there that could be adopted. Drug abuse is a more multifaceted area than most people seem to realize. A new philosophy should be adopted which includes tactics of confronting the psychological/emotional reasons people turn to drugs in the first place. In theory, once these personal problems have been dealt with, wouldn't drugs fade out of the overall picture altogether?

I honestly think many people fail to realize the cycle a drug addict can fall into. An individual will start out with just problem A and turn to drugs to help cover up that problem. Because they are now on drugs, their problems are magnified and they are less able to deal with the problem they started out with. Then, to help maintain their habit, they can very quickly be forced into other horrifying situations—such as theft, prostitution or even suicide. So an individual starting out with just problem A can end up having problems A, B, C and so on.

We enter into another problem when one realizes all of this is illegal. Am I unrealistic in assuming people will never be able to find the help they need if the conse-

quences of the law are always held over their heads?

Another problem is that there is so little being offered at this University rather than whatever the Counseling and Health Center can put out, the drug units in Health classes, rules and regulations, and scare tactics—guess what, the drug problems are still out there.

I don't believe there are any clear and established places or groups/organizations for an addict to visibly see putting out a full force effort to attack this problem. How are they supposed to know where to go for help if these campus services are not brought to their attention or advertised in some manner?

My challenge to the University is to prove me wrong. Go ahead and show me there is a lot going on out there in this area and always keep in mind that you can't do too much. Better too safe than not safe enough, eh?

If you are someone who is considering drug use or are an addict, find yourself some type of help. Realize you are the only one who can make you take that first step. Realize you have a problem. Reach out and find someone you can trust who can help lift you back up on your feet.

If there is not anyone to trust, you can contact one of the toll-free numbers listed below and maybe they can help lead you in the right direction.

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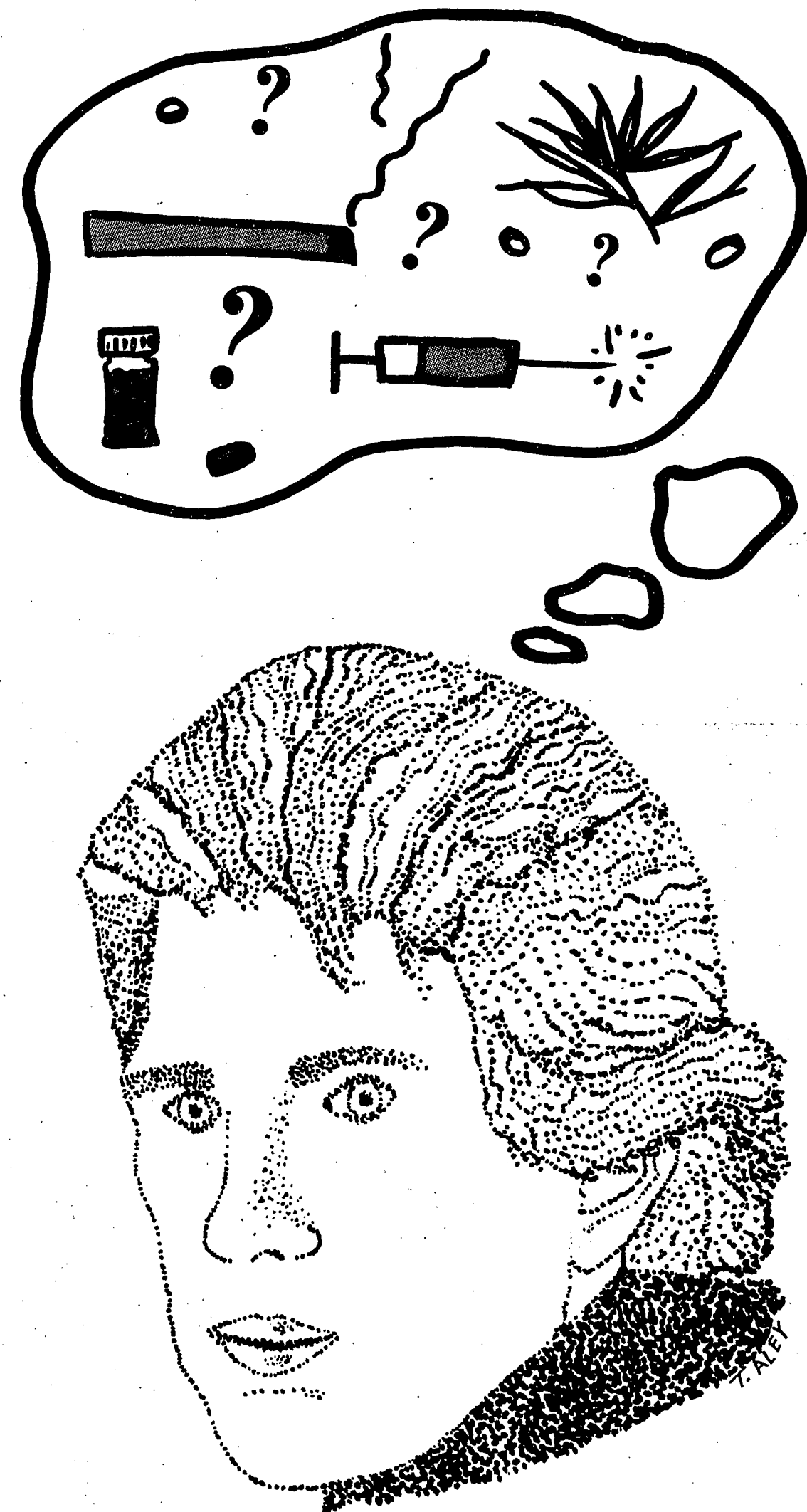
This is a 24-hour information and referral service. The telephones are counseled by reformed cocaine addicts who offer guidance and refer drug users and parents to local public and private treatment centers as well as family learning centers.

#### 1-800-HELP—NIDA HOTLINE

This is a confidential information and referral line whose purpose is to direct callers to cocaine abuse treatment centers in the local community. They also distribute free drug materials in response to any inquiries.

#### 1-800-638-2045—NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE (NIDA), U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

This is a national information service that provides technical service to groups wishing to start drug prevention programs. At the present time, the program is focusing on their "Just Say No To Drugs" campaign.





## Dangerous and deadly—STDs are here to stay

BY MICHELLE SCHWARTZ  
Staff Writer

College. It's a time of curiosity and education. It's a place of freedom and carelessness. College is the perfect time and place for STD's to spread.

STD's, sexually transmitted diseases, can be avoided when several precautions are taken. The obvious one is to abstain from sexual intercourse completely or at least from a person who has an STD. Avoiding having sex with more than one partner can also help.

For those people with an active sex life, the use of a condom offers excellent protection against many sexually transmitted diseases.

Condoms can be purchased in any drugstore by males or females without a doctor's prescription in the Health Center at Northwest.

Evidence has also proved that vaginal spermicides (foam, jelly) and birth control pills may kill some STD microorganisms.

Personal hygiene, as well as urinating after intercourse, is a helpful method of preventing STD's.

The most common sexually transmitted disease, chlamydial infection or NGU (non-gonococcal urethritis), is extremely serious.

Symptoms include a pus-like discharge from the tip of the penis or vagina, and a burning, itching sensation upon urinating.

Too frequently, however, there are no symptoms present and people with the disease are unaware they have it.

Consequently, if a person is diag-

nosed as having a chlamydial infection it is very important that the partner(s) be informed also.

Genital herpes is a disease caused by a virus, and unfortunately, there is presently no known cure. The disease causes painful, blister-like sores that form on the genitals.

An itching and burning feeling with urine contact to the sores are a few other symptoms.

Thirty percent of those with herpes will never be hassled with recurrent outbreaks, but some may have recurrences six to ten times a year.

The reason for the recurrences can be due to physical traumas, environmental changes, an irregular health and immune status and even emotional stress.

Like many STD's, genital warts are contracted by a virus and the incidence of them is on the rise.

Found on the genitals, the warts are small, pink or red cauliflower-like growths. The genital warts may appear up to two months after infection.

Gonorrhea is one of the most common venereal diseases, and the rate of incidence has been steadily increasing since the 1960's.

The initial symptoms of gonorrhea appear two to ten days after infection. Like a chlamydial infection, the male

may experience a burning, itching sensation during urination and a thick, pus-laden discharge may develop from the tip of the penis.

Only a minority of women experience any symptoms; most won't know they have the disease.

An untreated infection can lead to pelvic inflammatory disease, sterility, arthritis and complications in newborns of an infected mother.

As with chlamydial infection or NGU, a gonorrhea infected person needs to inform all partners so they can be tested.

Vaginal infections and gonorrhea are STD's caused by a parasite. Although crab lice occurs mainly in women, males can pick it up from their partners.

The symptoms are the same as in the other sexually transmitted diseases. There is an uncomfortable, burning during urination and intercourse, and discharge of some sort is present.

Crab lice is a contamination of lice in the pubic hair. The lice bite the skin to feed off of human blood; this causes an "itchy" feeling.

Crab lice can also be contracted by using an infested towel or piece of clothing.

The symptoms appear several weeks after contact.

AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency

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AIDS is not transmitted only sexually; it can be transmitted by the use of a dirty needle or infected blood.

In the United States, the majority of AIDS victims are male homosexuals and intravenous-drug users, along with a small amount of hemophiliacs.

However, women can get the disease. Many times they can be carriers of the disease and not know it. The virus attacks certain cells of the body's immune system, literally decomposing the body from the inside out.

If a person is suspected of having a sexually transmitted disease, a doctor should be notified immediately! Many STD's can be treated with antibiotics, but the diseases will not go away on their own.

On campus, a student may contact the Student Health Service. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is no charge to the student for examination services, but there is a fee for lab services.

STD's are uncomfortable, bothersome and even deadly. So why not get help? It's only a phone call away—562-1348.

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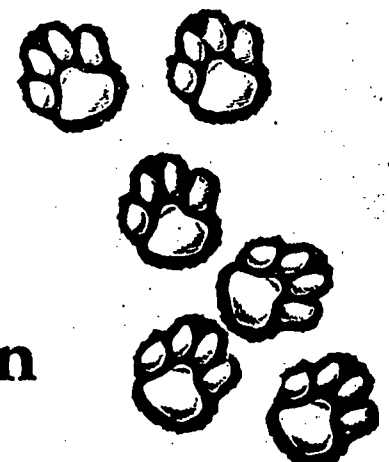
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## Top five finalists vie for Homecoming title

BY MICHELLE SCHWARTZ  
Staff Writer

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Last, but not least, there is Kimberly Zimmerman, a senior majoring in Fashion Merchandising and Marketing. She is from Minden, Iowa, and her sponsor is M-Club.

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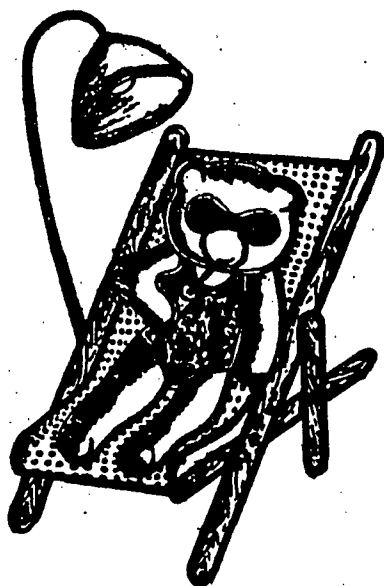
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 --IFC meeting - Upper Lakeview Room - 4pm  
 --Bearcat/Kitten Cross country - Notre Dame Invite

**Friday, Oct. 2**

--Women Together - Wesley Center - 1pm  
 --ISO meeting - Upper Lakeview Room - 8:30pm

**Saturday, Oct. 3**

--Bearcat football - Southeast Missouri - 1:30pm

**Sunday, Oct. 4**

--Bearcat Junior Varsity football - North Iowa Area CC - 2pm  
 --Northwest Madrigals/Renaissance Festival - 10am

**Monday, Oct. 5**

--Homecoming meeting - Colden Hall 334 - 4pm  
 --Last day for pass/fail - Registrar's Office  
 --Aetna Life job interviews - Lower Lakeview Room  
 --Harambee meeting - Stockmen's Room - 7pm  
 --American Marketing Association meeting - Colden Hall 239 - 5pm  
 --Homecoming Clown meeting - Martindale Gym - 7:30pm



--Pi Beta Alpha meeting - multipurpose room - 5:30pm  
 --Circle K meeting - Upper Lakeview Room - 6:30pm  
 --CAPS meeting - Northwest Room - 4:30pm  
 --ROTC Rangers meeting - Colden Hall 168 - 3pm

**Tuesday, Oct. 6**

--Bearkitten volleyball - Lamkin Gym - 7pm  
 --Student Senate meeting - Northwest Room - 6:45pm  
 --IFS presents "Repulsion" - Wells auditorium - 6pm  
 --Homecoming queen elections - Union/Taylor Commons - 9am



--Miller Williams poetry reading - East Ballroom - 8pm  
 --Young Democrats meeting - Regents Room - 4:30pm  
 --Sigma Society meeting - Brown Hall - 5:30pm  
 --Color guard meeting - Colden Hall 168 - 5pm  
 --FCA - Third floor Union  
 --PRSSA meeting - Wells Hall 126 - 3:15pm

**Wednesday, Oct. 7**

--Variety Show final rehearsal - Mary Linn PAC - 6:30pm  
 --Faculty Senate meeting - Northwest Room - 3:15pm  
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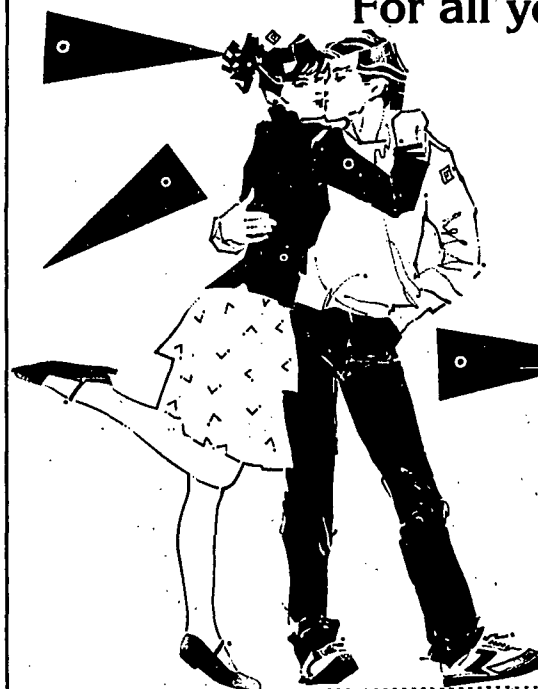


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*Mistakes prolong frustrating game*BY TROY APOSTOL  
Sports Editor

Last Saturday's Bearcat football game resembled a "flag-day salute". Northwest was penalized 15 times for 143 yards. It seemed that the referees were almost having fun tossing their yellow handkerchiefs into the air, and they drowned 'Cat drives with their calls.

But Northwest was aided in their lack of following the rules. The officiating was pitiful at best. On numerous occasions the five-man officiating crew missed calls. Their worst mistake happened in the first quarter when they decided that a Stevens-Point backward pass, which was not completed, was ruled incomplete. Sound funny? It should. Any first-grade scholar of the sport should realize that a pass thrown behind is a fumble. Northwest players knew this and instinctively jumped on the ball.

Sorry, the officials decided that it was time to continue their weekly routine of poor officiating and ruled the pass incomplete. The referees knew their mistake and tried a routine of making up for it that made them look like the five stooges.

Last Saturday's game provided a poor example of playing by the rules. However, after watching the performances of the officials one realizes the major role they played in prolonging the three and one half hour game to a point of frustration for both squads.

## Program expands with enthusiasm

BY KELLIE WATT  
Sports Writer

More people than ever are involved in campus intramurals, according to Campus Recreation Director Bob Lade.

"There is a record number of participants," Lade said. "There were 6,200 participants last year and we are well over average, if we're not the same as last year, in this year's participation."

Lade said that since the interest in physical recreation has grown and is still rising, there are an additional number of teams this year as opposed to previous years.

Competition in women's volleyball ended last Tuesday night with the Skeezers defeating Tropicanna One.

Co-recreational softball finished competition in mid September. The Skeezer Pleezers won by defeating two-time champions Within the Walls.

The home run hitting contest, a new event, had quite a finish. For the women's division, there was a three way tie between Nancy Meyer, Mona Anderson and Jackie Hoover. In the independent men's division, Trent Petersen took first place. Dan Distler of Delta Chi and Bri-

an Younger of Alpha Kappa Lambda tied in the fraternity division.

The results of the punt, pass, and kick event were similar with Meyer, Petersen and Distler clinching the women's, independent men's, and fraternity divisions respectively.

Another new event which was added this year was Frisbee golf. Frisbee golf consisted of teams with four members playing on a course for the lowest possible scoring.

In the fraternity division, Delta Sigma Phi clinched first place with Sigma Phi Epsilon taking second. Doug Leiting holds the course record for the event with a score of 70. In the women's division the Funksters placed first. Anita Malcom holds the women's course record with a score of 96.

In its second year of competition, the battle of the beef tug of war attracted competition in three separate divisions. In the fraternity division, the Delta Chi Kimballs defeated the Phi Sigma Kappa Zombies. Another Delta Chi team placed third. The Oasis Studs defeated the Surfs Stallions in the independent men's division. For the women's division, the Skeezers defeated the Funksters.



With the fitness craze in full swing, Northwest students have the opportunity to exercise while competing against other students in various sporting events. The opportunity is given to students through the intramural program.

### Squad to host Missouri Western

## Spikers unite at Peru State Invitational

BY KELLIE WATT  
Sports Writer

Confidence, enthusiasm and an air of accomplishment swept through the Bearkitten's as they won the consolation title in the Peru State Invitational, Peru Ne, last Saturday.

The squad played five matches claiming a tournament record of 3-2 and a season record of 8-10.

"Things are finally coming together," coach Peg Voisin said. "We are finally playing as a unit."

"They realized they could play as a team and be aggressive to win. We had great support from the parents. Things are looking up for us."

But things were not as rosey for the 'Kittens last Tuesday night as they dropped a 15-2, 15-4, 13-15, 15-8 decision to the Graceland Yellowjackets in a match played at the Graceland College campus in Lamoni, Ia.

Jill Tallman led the team with seven kills, six blocks and eight digs. Tanya Carson also led the team with 11 assists. Overall the Beakittens had 25 serve

receiving errors that translated into Graceland points on serving aces, almost half of their total points scored.

Hoping to rebound from that loss, the 'Kittens play their second home match against Missouri Western October 6. According to Voisin, the team knows what to expect.

"We know how they play," Voisin said. "We have to concentrate and play hussle ball."

"We have to have confidence and we need support...We play better when we have fan support and recognition."

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# Northwest to open play in MIAA conference

BY TROY APOSTOL  
Sports Editor

Northwest's football squad will travel to Cape Girardeau this weekend to open up MIAA conference play against Southeast Missouri State.

Averaging only 269 yards per game, and only 83 of those rushing, the 'Cats hope their offense will gel, and quick.

"Their secondary is the best that we will face all year, they've got some great speed and some great athletes back there," Northwest head coach Vern Thomsen said. "They'll be the quickest defense we face (all season)."

It is not what an ailing Bearcat offense needs to face. In last week's 28-10 loss to Wisconsin-Stevens Point, the 'Cats, who stand at 2-2 on the season, completed 13 of 39 passes, and were penalized 15 times for 143 yards. Thomsen believes that the key to re-starting the 'Cat offense is to get everyone playing together.

Southeast fell to 1-3 on the season with a 35-28 loss to Delta State University last week. The Indians were led by quarterback Jeff Brown, who completed 18 of 25 passes for 273 yards and two touchdowns. On the ground, running back Brian Lattimore rushed for 132 yards and two touchdowns, while scoring another on a reception. Lattimore leads the Indians in the rushing department with 336 yards on 67 carries so far this season.

But that does not mean that Thomsen expects the Indians to maintain their running game as their only offensive weapon. Southeast has averaged 223 yards per game rushing and only 162 yards passing, but the 'Cats know that the Southeast passing attack is coming around.

"They rush the ball very well, but last week they threw the ball (effectively)," Thomsen said. "They are a football team that can do about everything."

Northwest's passing game continued to show reception problems last weekend. After the 'Cats loss Thomsen predicted that the 'Cats would start more freshman at the receiver positions, but now feels that frustration keyed him to make the statement.

As Northwest right tackle Cliff Allison sees it, one problem that the 'Cats passing game encountered against Stevens Point was the fact that the 'Cats encountered many defensive schemes, such as twisting and a stronger blitz.

Allison believes that the offense has done the job of good pass protection, but he feels the blocking for the running game needs to be improved.

Northwest's offense is last in the MIAA with 335 rushing yards on 148 carries.

On defense, Northwest leads the league in stopping the running game. This will prove beneficial when they face Lattimore, who is this week's MIAA offensive player of the week.



Freshman running back Ed Tillison struggles for extra yardage during last week's Bearcat loss to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Northwest's running game, which is averaging only 83 yards per game, is last in the MIAA rushing department. In four games the 'Cats have only accumulated 335 yards on the ground. -Photo by Chris Townsend.

## Bearkittens capture fourth

Northwest's Bearkitten Cross Country team rebounded from a low finish in the Midwest Championships two weeks ago to place fourth out of 12 teams in the Les Duke Invitational. The 'Kittens compiled 124 points during last Saturday's meet at Grinnell, Ia.

Tammy King led the 'Kittens in personal finishes with a 15th place showing after a time of 20 minutes, 32 seconds. She was followed by Denise Ibsen in 19th place with a time of 20:34.

After the meet 'Kitten coach Charlene Cline showed enthusiasm not only for their finish but also for the lesson that the squad learned.

"When kids run cross country they need to run (strong) from the very beginning," Cline said. "Inexperienced runners try to pace themselves...the 'Kittens

raced from the start."

Northwest's Bearcat varsity squad did not see competition over the weekend. The junior varsity squad competed in Saturday's Kansas City Community College Invitational in Kansas City, Kans. The squad finished in eighth place and was led by Tony Bates who came in 36th place with a time of 29:30.

This weekend the 'Kittens will not compete in any meets, but the 'Cats will travel to South Bend, Ind. for the Notre Dame Invitational on Friday. Northwest will play host to the Quad State High School meet Saturday at Nodaway Lake.

One Bearcat runner, Mark VanSickle, used the weekend off to compete in the Pony Express Parkway Run in St. Joseph. VanSickle won the five kilometer division of the race.

### MIAA FOOTBALL STANDINGS

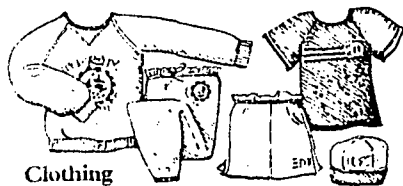
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### INTRAMURAL ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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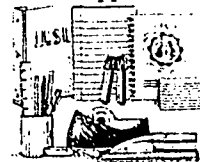
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